multi-pronged strategy for addressing the problems of educational backwardness of the Muslim community and for improving the access to credit for minorities. The statement is also available on the Ministry of Minority Affairs website *www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.*

(c) Five communities have been notified as minorities under section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. Other backward classes who are socially and economically backward, are notified by State and Central Government.

Consideration of *Dalit* Muslims in SC/ST categories

1008. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any recommendations from the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities to the effect that *dalit* Muslims should be considered as belonging to the SC/ST categories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) are under consideration.

Percentage of Muslims in Government services

1009: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of Muslims employed in Government services, and specially in the judiciary is far below their share in the population, as per the data compiled by the Sachar Commission to look into the status of the Muslims in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each State; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The report of the Sachar Committee was laid on the Table of the House on 30.11.2006. Chapter 9 of the report contains information on employment of Muslims in Government and in the judiciary. The report is also available on the Ministry of Minority Affairs website *www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.* A number of decision have been taken, as detailed in the Statement on the follow-up action on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee, laid on the Table of the House on 31.8.2007, to improve the educational status of Muslims and improve the representation of minorities in services.

Recommendations of Sachar Committee

1010. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a blue print to implement the recommendations of Sachar Committee;